

Uncertainty due to reservation policy

1199. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the growing uncertainty among the public on account of the reservation policy being published by Government in respect of OBCs, religious minorities and Scheduled Castes/Tribes;

(b) whether Government are conscious of the horizontal and vertical division that the policy is unfolding in the country's national and social fabric;

(c) whether Government would like to formulate a healthy and logical reservation framework in the light of existing laws on reservation and the court decision about it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Bill, 2006 has been introduced in the Monsoon Session, 2006 of the Parliament.

Diversion of funds meant for SSA

1200. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds amounting to hundreds of crores were irregularly diverted from Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for meeting expenditure not covered under the scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action Government propose to take against the delinquent officials; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to check misuse/diversion of SSA funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) In the light of the report on the Performance Audit of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), submitted by the Comptroller and Auditor General of